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TEMPERATURES WELL ABOVE NORMAL

As of May 28, 100 percent of **Cotton** was reported as planted, compared with 96 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. **Cotton** squaring is ahead of last year, but remains slightly behind the 5-year average. As of May 28, 12 percent of cotton was reported as squared, compared to 7 percent last year and 20 percent for the 5-year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity dropped off slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 41 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 42 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 14 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 18 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 15 percent good, and 4 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

As of May 28, 100 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 100 percent of **Barley**, 100 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 100 percent of **Other Small Grains**

were reported as **headed**, while 71 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 72 percent of **Barley**, 70 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 70 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as **mature**.

Temperatures throughout the state were well above average for the week of May 28. Temperatures ranged from 10 degrees above normal at Parker to 4 degrees above normal at Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 116 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 30 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Light precipitation was reported at Canyon De Chelly.

Above average temperatures in Arizona are resulting in earlier than normal harvesting of late spring/early summer fruits, vegetables and melons. Last week producers in central Arizona shipped **melons**, **onions** and **potatoes**. As western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped **cantaloupes**, **perlette grapes**, **honeydew** and **watermelons**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** and **valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK MAY 21-27, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	62	6	97	30	0.06	2.41	3.07
Casa Grande	79	7	110	65	0.00	1.74	2.70
Coolidge	77	8	113	59	0.00	2.27	3.01
Douglas	70	6	99	50	0.00	0.37	2.06
Flagstaff	53	7	85	33	0.00	5.48	8.84
Gila Bend	82	4	110	65	0.00	2.05	2.16
Grand Canyon	53	10	90	39	0.00	6.01	6.02
Kingman	69	9	100	58	0.00	1.62	3.70
Parker	83	6	116	70	0.00	0.66	1.77
Payson	63	7	98	46	0.00	6.09	7.86
Phoenix	81	8	109	73	0.00	2.99	2.57
Prescott Airport	62	9	93	50	0.00	2.16	3.51
Safford Ag Center	72	8	104	54	0.00	0.33	2.24
Tucson	77	6	105	63	0.00	1.18	2.77
Willcox	68	6	99	50	0.00	1.09	2.71
Winslow	65	8	99	45	0.00	1.53	2.05
Yuma	81	6	109	69	0.00	0.30	0.96

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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